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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DATES FOR NAC CONSULTATIONS

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1. MIDDLE EAST BRIEFING. DUE TO MARCH 7-8 RABIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND PREPARATIONS CONNECTED WITH IT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON IS NOT ABLE TO VISIT NATO ON MARCH 7 OR EARLIER, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. DATE AT END OF NEXT WEEK IS POSSIBLE HOWEVER. WE RECOGNIZE WINTEX WILL BE TAKING PLACE AT THAT TIME, BUT HOPE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE A NAC MEETING TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING. YOU SHOULD INFORM
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LUNS AND PERM REPS THAT MARCH 7-8 RABIN VISIT PRECLUDES AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON TO GIVE BRIEFING BEFORE END OF NEXT WEEK, BUT THAT HE COULD TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS THURSDAY, MARCH 10, FOR NAC MEETING MORNING OF FRIDAY, MARCH 11, IF THAT WERE CONVENIENT.

2. EASTERN EUROPE. YOU MAY ACCEPT MARCH 17 AS DATE FOR CONSULTATION ON EASTERN EUROPE. WE CONCUR IN YOUR SUGGESTION THAT CONSULTATION BE HELD AMONG PERM REPS, AND WILL BE SENDING YOU INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING.

3. LOS. IN VIEW OF ALLIED RESERVATIONS ON EARLY LOS

CONSULTATION, YOU MAY INDICATE WE ARE PREPARED TO DEFER THIS CONSULTATION TO A POSSIBLE LATER TIME.

4. APRIL CSCE CONSULTATION. IN VIEW OF TIMING CONNECTED WITH EC-NINE CONSULTATIONS AND WORK ON IS REPORT ON BELGRADE FOR MAY MINISTERIAL (REFTEL), YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR A DATE IN APRIL EARLIER THAN THE TWENTY-SEVENTH, BUT YOU MAY ACCEPT APRIL 27 AS DATE FOR CONSULTATION ON CSCE, IF THIS IS PREFERRED BY THE OTHER ALLIES. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THIS CONSULTATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITH OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS IN ORDER TO GIVE POLICY-LEVEL APPROVAL TO WORK OF NATO EXPERTS ON CSCE PRIOR TO MAY MINISTERIAL. YOU SHOULD MAKE THIS POINT AS QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION BY OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS ARISES.

5. CSCE CONSULTATION BETWEEN FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS. WE BELIEVE DUTCH SUGGESTION HAS MERIT, BUT DOES NOT OBVIATE NEED FOR CSCE CONSULTATION BEFORE MINISTERIAL. YOU SHOULD INDICATE WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO CONSULTATION BETWEEN FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS AS SUGGESTED BY DUTCH, BUT THAT FINAL DECISION ON SUCH A CONSULTATION SHOULD BE MADE LATER ACCORDING TO DEVELOPMENTS.
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